

# NEWS

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## FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT FOR THE CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2003

**ALBUQUERQUE, May 20, 2003-** The Cibola National Forest, including the Magdalena, Mt. Taylor, Mountainair, and Sandia Ranger Districts, will implement fire restrictions starting at 8:00 am Wednesday, May 21, 2003. Cibola National Forest Supervisor Liz Agpaoa explained, "Since the weather outlook calls for warmer temperatures, higher winds and continued dry conditions, we feel it is necessary to take these precautions." Agpaoa said. "We want our visitors to be fire safe while enjoying their national forests," she added.

The Datil, Bear and Gallinas Mountains located on the Magdalena Ranger District will **NOT** be under restrictions. All areas on the Mt. Taylor, Mountainair and Sandia Ranger Districts will be under fire restrictions.

### **Open Campfire Restrictions:**

Campfires, charcoal grills and stove fires **are prohibited** on national forest lands without a permit, except in Forest Service developed camp and picnic grounds where grills are provided.

Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed. Please contact the Cibola National Forest for more details regarding where fires are allowed.

### **Smoking Restrictions:**

Smoking is allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building; a developed recreation site; or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter and free of all flammable material.

### **Fireworks:**

As always, fireworks are prohibited on all national forest lands.

We need everyone's help to keep our forest free from fires for the duration of this fire season.

Please contact Mark Chavez or Karen Carter at (505) 346-3900 for additional information.

For other local fire restrictions and general fire information for any Southwestern Forest, you can use the

World Wide Web at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire) or you may call toll free 1-877-864-6985.